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### **Modesto Council Takes Action on Forward Together Recommendations**

On Tuesday, December 13, 2022, the Modesto City Council approved the creation of a Community Police Review Board (CPRB) and authorized the preparation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Independent Police Auditor (IPA).

The CPRB's goals will be to increase transparency, build trust, and foster stronger relationships between Modesto Police Department and those they serve. The Modesto Community Police Review Board (CPRB) has been established, under the authority of the City Council, to continue to improve police-community relationships, expand the public's ability to provide feedback on police accountability, allow for greater civic engagement, and further increased awareness of police services and operations. The new board will hold monthly public meetings which are anticipated to begin in May 2023 once the recruitment and appointment processes have been completed.

The CPRB will review the Independent Police Auditor's annual report and analysis of critical incidents, receive timely notifications of major incidents, review police practices and policies, and serve as an advisory body. The CPRB will be comprised of nine City of Modesto residents who represent the diverse community we serve.

The role of the IPA will be to offer an independent assessment of the police practices, procedures, and responses to critical incidents, uses of force, and misconduct investigations. The IPA will issue periodic reports that describe this assessment and offer recommendations for systemic improvements. The IPA will serve as a police practices adviser to the CPRB and will provide training and work closely with the board to receive community feedback and complaints regarding the Modesto Police Department.

The creation of the CPRB and IPA is the culmination of the efforts and final recommendations of the Forward Together Working Group which was initiated during the summer of 2021. The Forward Together Initiative was catalyzed as a response to calls for police reform intensifying across the country and at our local level.

Applications for the Board will be available in early January 2023.

Learn more by visiting:

[Community Police Review Board webpage](#)

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